

## Wolf Pack members sweep 7th AF awards

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Wolf Pack warriors took home six of 10 awards at the 7th Air Force Annual Awards banquet at Osan Air Base Saturday.

Staff Sgt. Patrick Cazalet, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron was this year's NCO of the Year. Cazalet lead efforts to clear the 2,000-foot Koon-Ni bombing/gunnery range for the first time ever, which ensured safety of range personnel and Korean citizens.

Cazalet, NCO in charge of explosive ordnance disposal training, also led 10 U.S. Secret Service missions to directly support the president, vice-president and foreign heads of state. His leadership ensured buildings, vehicles and travel routes were clear of hazardous devices.

Master Sgt. Michael Rennie, formerly with the 8th Security Forces Squadron, brought home the First Sergeant of the Year award. Rennie, now assigned to Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, served as the 8th SFS primary unit reception manager for eight Wolf Pack exercises. He presented welcome briefings, engineered bed down and meal plans, and ensured teamwork amongst the troops. His efforts to boost morale helped the 8th FW earn an "Excellent" rating in the Headquarters Pacific Air Forces Operational Readiness Inspection in May 2000.

Capt. James Kennedy, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness Flight commander, took Company Grade Officer of the Year honors. Because of Kennedy's role in bringing unmatched nuclear, biological and chemical defense capabilities to the flight, his readiness procedures helped the 8th CES earn the PACAF Outstanding CES Unit Award for 2000. His keen attention to details were evident when he identified a critical defect in 32 percent of Kunsan's gas masks, which ignited an Air Force-wide investigation of all masks in its inventory.

Lt. Col. Darryl Sweetwine, 8th Maintenance Squadron commander, garnered Field Grade Officer of the Year honors. The colonel directly supported more than 9,100 sorties for a 98-percent maintenance scheduling effectiveness rate and a malfunction repeat/recur rate far below PACAF's standards.

Sweetwine planned three military construction projects worth \$18,700,000 and saved the 8th FW \$183,000 when he procured and upgraded \$644,500 worth of tools by a single purchase.

Proving how sharp she is, Staff Sgt. Amy Webster, 8th Services Squadron, earned Honor Guard Member of the Year. Webster, an active member and NCO in charge of the Kunsan Wolf Pack Honor Guard, participated in and organized more than 17 different military ceremonies. She impressed her superiors by showing high standards of conduct, professionalism, military bearing and her dedication to the team.

Lon Shadel, 8th Services Squadron deputy services officer, won Civilian Employee of the Year, Manager/Supervisor/Professional category.

Shadel earned high praise for assuming the role as director of services from January through June 2000 following the early departure of his squadron commander. He is also recognized as a key contributor to the 8th FW's overall excellent rating in the 2000 ORI.

Shadel lobbied for and acquired \$117,000 for unfunded quality-of-life

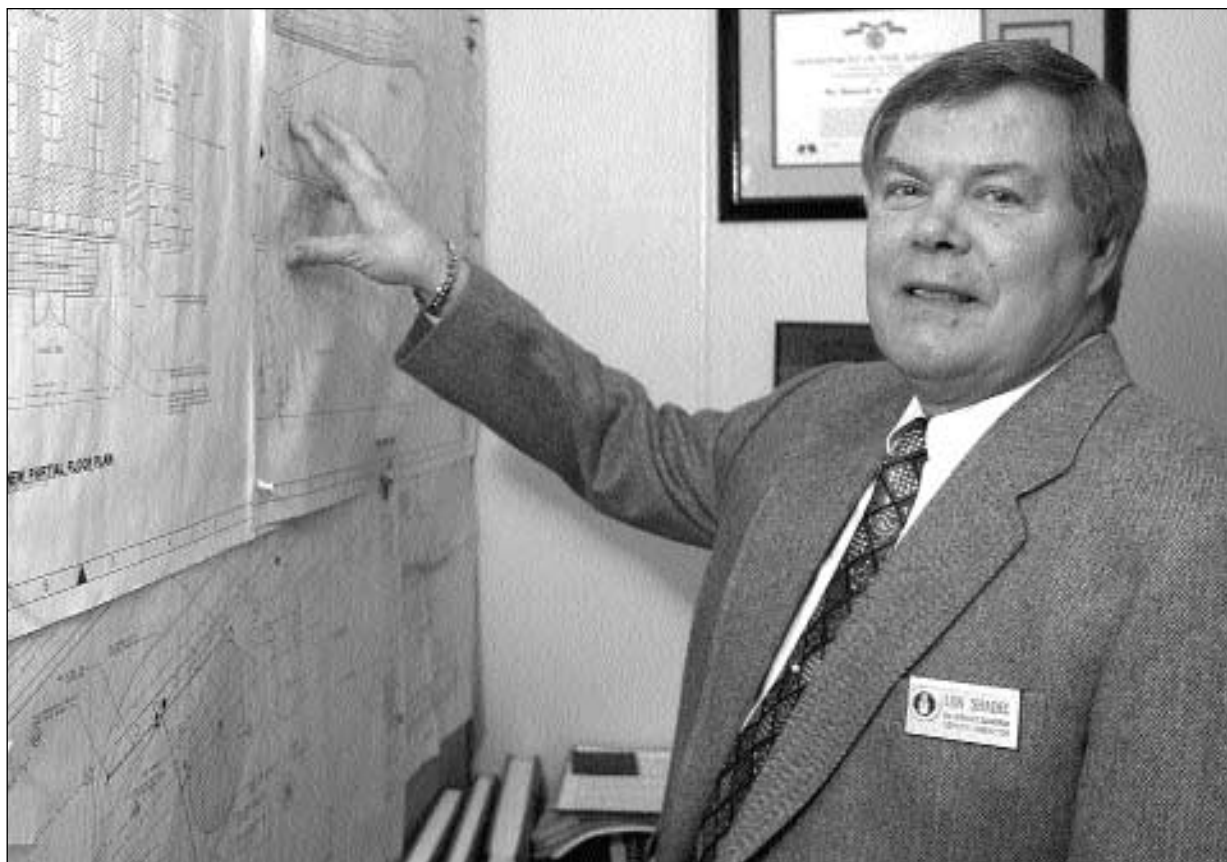


Photo by Senior Airman Lanie McNeal, 8th CS/VI

**Lon Shadel, 8th Services Squadron deputy services officer, points out services facilities on a base map. Shadel won 7th Air Force Civilian Employee of the Year, Manager/Supervisor/Professional category.**

improvements within the services squadron

Other winners include Master Sgt. Gregory Summers, 607th Accounting and Finance Squadron chief of reports and analysis, Osan AB, who won Senior NCO of the Year. Summers recently earned honors as Air Force Financial Management Senior NCO of the Year for 2000.

Senior Airman Dennis Alexander, a 36th Fighter Squadron weapons load crewmember, Osan AB, won Airman of the Year.

John Pereda, 51st Services Squadron automotive mechanic supervisor, Osan AB, won Civilian Employee of the Year, Trades/Crafts/Laborer Category.

Cho, Kwan Ho, 51st Supply Squadron stock fund management specialist, Osan AB, won Air Force Civilian Employee of the Year, Administration/Technical Category.

All winners' packages will be sent forward to compete in the PACAF competition.



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**Above: Capt. James Kennedy, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness flight chief, demonstrates how a chemical detection machine works. Kennedy won 7th Air Force Company Grade Officer of the Year.**



Photo by Airman 1st Class Shannon Kluge, 8CS/VI

**Above: Lt. Col. Darryl Sweetwine, 8th Maintenance Squadron commander, (left) and an 8th MXS troop examine the rim of a tire. Sweetwine won 7th Air Force Field Grade Officer of the Year. Left: Master Sgt. Michael Rennie, formerly with the 8th Security Forces Squadron, brought home 7th Air Force First Sergeant of the Year honors. Rennie is now assigned to Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.**